

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A method of securing communication between a first party and a second party ~~comprises~~ includes ~~the following steps: defining~~ A a criteria for selecting one of a plurality of different security methods ~~is defined~~. One of the ~~said~~ plurality of different security methods is selected in accordance with ~~said~~ the defined criteria. ~~The security method is performed.~~